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TO AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 020861

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG EG US IS

SUBJECT: REPORT OF POSSIBLE CONFRONTATION AT "MEDIAN LINE"

1. MR. LANCASTER, AMOCO PRODUCTION MANAGER, CALLED DEPARTMENT JANUARY 25 TO REPORT POSSIBLE AMOCO CONFRONTATION WITH ISRAELIS AT "MEDIAN LINE". AMOCO, WITH NORWEGIAN CONTRACTOR, GECO, IS CONDUCTING SEISMIC SURVEY IN BLOCK 303 OF RAMADAN FIELD. WORK IS CLOSE TO "MEDIAN LINE" AND GECO VESSEL NEEDS TO CROSS "MEDIAN LINE" TO COMPLETE SURVEY. AMOCO INFORMED MORNING OF JANUARY 25 THAT ISRAELIS PREVENTED GECO FROM CARRYING OUT PLANNED ACTIVITY. DATE OF INCIDENT AND NATURE OF ISRAELI ACTION ARE NOT KNOWN TO AMOCO AT PRESENT.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN EITHER TEL AVIV OR CAIRO. VANCE

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